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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: JOINT STATEMENT

1. DRAFT OF JOINT STATEMENT WHICH WE WILL PRESENT TO YUGOSLAVS
AUGUST 1 FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: AT THE INVITATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA JOSIP BROZ TITO,
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GERALD R.
FORD AND MRS. FORD PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO BELGRADE,
YUGOSLAVIA, ON AUGUST 3 AND 4, 1975.

3. CONTINUING THE ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF REGULAR CONTACTS
AND CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTS OF THE TWO
COUNTRIES, PRESIDENTS TITO AND FORD HELD CORDIAL, OPEN AND
CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES (SIROKA SKALA
PITANJA) OF MUTUAL INTEREST. TAKING PART IN THE TALKS WERE...

4. THEY REITERATED THE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE WHICH THE
GOVERNMENTS OF YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA ATTACH TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND STABILITY
BY A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, AND BY ADHERENCE
TO THE PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENDENCE, MUTUAL RESPECT AND
FULL EQUALITY OF SOVEREIGN STATES, REGARDLESS OF
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DIFFERENCES OR SIMILARITIES IN THEIR SOCIAL, POLITICAL

AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS, AND IN FULL ACCORD WITH THE SPIRIT
AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

5. PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT PROVIDED AN OCCASION
FOR A THOROUGH REVIEW OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WHICH CONTINUE
TO DEVELOP SUCCESSFULLY. PRESIDENT TITO AND PRESIDENT FORD
CONFIRMED THAT THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE JOINT
STATEMENT, SIGNED IN WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER
1971, REPRESENT THE CONTINUING BASIS FOR RELATIONS AND
COOPERATION BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA. IN CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND
PRESIDENT TITO FURTHER STIMULUS WAS GIVEN TO THESE RELATIONS.
THE TWO PRESIDENTS NOTED THAT ADDITIONAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN
ACHIEVED IN COOPERATION IN THE ECONOMIC AREA AND AGREED
THAT POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR FURTHER MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL
DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE, INVESTMENT AND OTHER CONTEMPORARY
FORMS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION. CONCRETE WAYS TO ACHIEVE
EXPANSION IN THIS FIELD WERE DISCUSSED.

6. THE TWO PRESIDENTS ONCE AGAIN EMPHASIZED THE
SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION OF EXCHANGES IN THE SPHERE OF
SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES, CULTURE, EDUCATION, INFORM-
ATION, ETC., TO THE DEEPENDING OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND
RESPECT AND AGREED TO MAKE EFFORTS TO FURTHER DEVELOP
SUCH EXCHANGES.

7. PRESIDENT FORD GREETED THE READINESS OF THE YUGOSLAV
GOVERNMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CELEBRATION OF THE
200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THROUGH
VARIOUS CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC PRESENTATIONS.

8. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EMPHASIZED THE DEEP HISTORICAL AND
CULTURAL TIES WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES, AND
ESPECIALLY THE PART WHICH AMERICANS OF YUGOSLAV ORIGIN
HAVE LONG PLAYED IN STRENGTHENING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP
BETWEEN THEIR NEW AND FORMER HOMELANDS AND AGREED THAT
THESE TIES SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED.

9. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION
OVER THE RECENT CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY
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AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THEY CONSIDER THAT THE
CONSISTENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL
ACT WHICH THE SIGNATORY COUNTRIES PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO
FULFILL, WILL CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE ACHIEVEMENT
OF THE CONFERENCE'S IMPORTANT GOALS AND ENCOURAGE FURTHER
EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE AND
TO IMPROVE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND OTHER RELATIONS
AMONG STATES AND PEOPLES.

10. PRESIDENT TITO AND PRESIDENT FORD EMPHASIZED THAT THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF ALL PEOPLES AND COUNTRIES, DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING (ZEMLJE U RAZVOJU), IS AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR IN THE SEARCH FOR A JUST AND EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. REVIEWING THE URGENT PROBLEMS FACING MANKING IN THE AREA OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, THEY AGREED ON THE NEED TO INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS TO FIND EQUITABLE SOLUTIONS ON THE BASIS OF IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND RESPECT FOR THE INTERESTS OF ALL.

11. THE TWO PRESIDENTS REVIEWED A NUMBER OF OTHER IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE MEDITERRANEAN, CYPRUS AND THE QUESTIONS OF DISARMAMENT.

12. PRESIDENT TITO ESPECIALLY SET FORTH VIEWS ON NON-ALIGNED POLICY IN TODAY'S WORLD. PRESIDENT FORD EXPLAINED UNITED STATES POLICIES ON THESE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

13. PRESIDENT FORD REAFFIRMED THE STEADFAST INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE, INTEGRITY, AND NON-ALIGNED POSITION OF YUGOSLAVIA.

14. THE TWO PRESIDENTS ON THIS OCCASION REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF PERIODIC CONTACTS AND CONSULTATIONS AT VARIOUS LEVELS IN FIELDS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

15. THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THIS JOINT STATEMENT ARE THE FOUNDATION OF UNITED STATES-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. THEY CONSTITUTE THE FIRM BASIS ON WHICH THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FUTURE. END QUOTE
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16. WE WILL INSIST ON DROPPING "AND POLICY" FROM PHRASE "NONALIGNED POSITION OF YUGOSLAVIA" (BELGRADE 3940) IN PARA 13, SINCE ON REFLECTION WE CONCLUDE IT DENOTES US SUPPORT FOR YUGOSLAV NONALIGNED POLICY WHICH WE CANNOT GIVE.
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